

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility Recommended for National Accreditation

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Indianapolis, Indiana - (April 26, 2007) - Commissioner J. David Donahue announced today that the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility scored a perfect 100 percent on the mandatory standards established by the American Correctional Association (ACA). The facility scored 97.27 percent on non-mandatory standards.

"This is a significant accomplishment and honor for the facility to receive," said IDOC Commissioner J. David Donahue. "It takes hard work and dedication by the staff of the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility to achieve this high standard of correctional management. The State is proud of this facility's accomplishment and expected nothing less."

"This has been a total team effort to achieve this distinction," said Facility Superintendent Kellie Whitcomb. "It is a credit to the hard working, dedicated employees of the facility that this accreditation has been received. The staff of this facility has proved once again that teamwork and desire can achieve great things."

The Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility recently applied for National Re-Accreditation through the American Correctional Association (ACA) and on April 23-25, the facility underwent a complete audit of security and programming standards. This is the facility's third recognition with the ACA.

The accreditation program is a professional peer review process based on national standards that have evolved since the founding of the Association in 1870. The audit consists of 454 federally recognized standards that were developed by national leaders from the field of corrections, law, architecture, health care, and other groups who are interested in sound correctional management.

ACA standards address services, programs, and operations essential to effective correctional

management. Through accreditation, an agency is able to maintain a balance between protecting the public and providing an environment that safeguards the life, health, and safety of staff and offenders. Standards set by ACA reflect practical up-to-date policies and procedures and function as a management tool for agencies and facilities throughout the world.

The three-year accreditation award will be granted to the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility at an upcoming ACA Correctional Accreditation Managers' Association (CAMA) Summer conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

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